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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News contains the Statewide results of the mid year cattle survey.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

William R. Meyer
Director

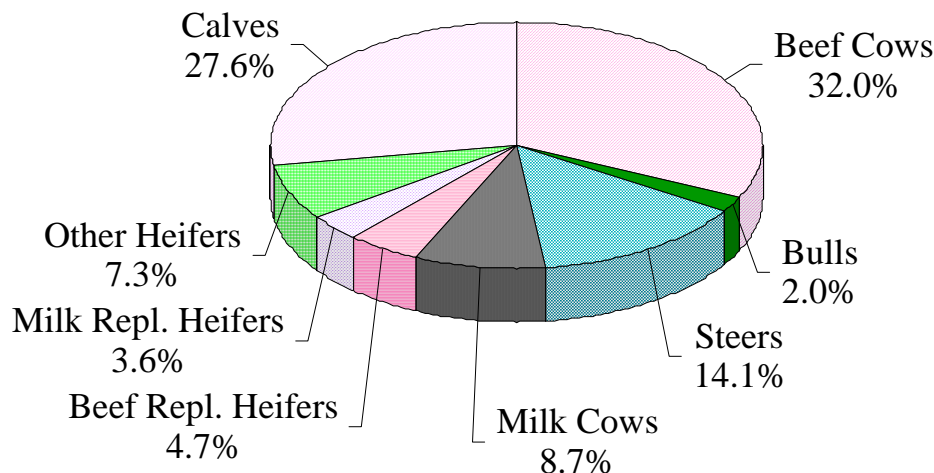
U.S. Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2006, totaled 105.7 million head, 1 percent above the 104.5 million on July 1, 2005 and 2 percent above the 103.4 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 43.0 million, were up slightly from the 42.8 million on July 1, 2005 and 1 percent above the 42.4 million two years ago. Beef cows, at 33.9 million, were up slightly from July 1, 2005 and up 1 percent from two years ago. Milk cows, at 9.15 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2005 and up 2 percent from two years ago. All heifers, 500 pounds and over, at 16.5 million, were up 2 percent. Beef replacement heifers, at 5.0 million head, were unchanged and milk replacement heifers, at 3.8 million head, were up 3 percent. Steers weighing over 500 pounds totaled 14.9 million, up 3 percent from a year ago. The 2006 calf crop is expected to be 37.9 million head, up slightly from 2005. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.6 million, up 1 percent from 2005.

U.S. CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASS

July 1, 2006



Percent may not add due to rounding.

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